

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 4-16-03

Division: Public Works

Bulk Item: Yes ☒ No ☐

Department: Administration

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval to block three roads in the Pine Heights Subdivision, Big Pine Key.

ITEM BACKGROUND: A request was received from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Key Deer Refuge to block three roads past the last house on Tampa, Naples and Palm Beach Roads due to illegal dumping and misuse of the property. The area is environmentally sensitive.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: None

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval as stated above.

TOTAL COST: 0

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ NO ☐

Cost to County: 0

SOURCE OF FUNDS _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: YES ☐ NO ☒ AMOUNT PER MONTH _____ YEAR _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty. _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Dent Pierce 3/21/03
Dent Pierce, Division Director

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # C8

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Key Deer Refuge

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January 15, 2003

Dent Pierce
Monroe County Public Works
1100 Simonton St. Room 2-231
Key West, FL. 33040

Dear Dent:

I would like to request the assistance of Monroe County in addressing some management concerns on the National Key Deer Refuge. We presently have a problem with vehicular access on some un-paved limerock roads on Pine Heights Subdivision, Big Pine Key, and would like the County's cooperation in limiting access in order to prevent further damage to refuge resources. Currently, people are using these roads to dump trash and drive through the freshwater wetlands in that area. These roads do not access any houses, and the property ownership is almost entirely public.

The refuge would like to block three roads off past the last house: Tampa, Naples, and Palm Beach Roads (see attached map). We would like the County's permission to do this, and also assistance in designing barricades that are safe for motorists. I have looked at some of the other blocked roads around the Lower Keys, and it appears that you place two triangular signs with red reflectors in conjunction with a gate. The refuge would be willing to pay for the gates and complete the installations if the County is agreeable to this project.

Please advise me on your position. It has always been a pleasure working with your office, and I look forward to future projects. Thanks you for your assistance in protecting the natural environment of the Florida Keys.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Frank
Refuge Manager

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Figure 1. Location of proposed barricades in Pine Heights Subdivision, Big Pine Key.

